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1. WORKING GROUPS FOR COMMITTEES I AND II COMPLETED TEXTS
FOR DRAFT DECLARATION AT 6:00 M.M. AUGUST 24 AND DRAFT
PROGRAM OF ACTION (SEPTTEL) AT 1:00 A.M. AUGUST 25.
COMMITTEES ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET MORNING OF AUGUST 25 TO
APPROVE DOCUMENTS AND FORWARD THEM TO PLENARY.

2. ELEMENTS IN BOTH THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION
ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE WEO. BUT IT APPEARS (ACCORDING)
TO LANPALE (AUSTRIALIA) THAT WEOS STOOD FIRM AS A BODY
AUGUST 24 IN STATING THAT CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS SHOULD HAVE
NO REFERENCES TO ZIONISM. THIS SOLID FRONT TOOK AFRICANS
AND ARABS BY SURPRISE AND TALK ABOUT NEGOTIATED LANGUAGE
IS NOW BEING TOSSED BACK AND FORTH.

3. TO DATE, THE HARD LINE ARABS HAVE DOMINATED SITUATION
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PREVENTING MODERATE AFRICANS FROM MOVING CLOSER TO WESTERN
POSITION.

4. EGYPTIAN DEL EL-SHAFAER IS REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD ITALIAN
DEL DI BERNARDO THAT ZIONISM REFERENCES COULD BE DROPPED
FROM PARAS 15 AND 16 OF DECLARATION IF SOME LINKAGE IS
MADE TO ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA. DI BERNARDO REPORTEDLY

RESERVED COMMENT ON THIS PROPOSITION. LATER THE YEMEN REP
TOLD DI BERNARDO THAT ARABS WOULD NOT PERMIT ZIONISM TO BE
REMOVED FROM THE TEXT.

5. AS IT STANDS PRESENTLY DRAFT DECLARATION WILL GO TO
COMMITTEE I WITH PARAS 15 AND 16 IN SQUARE BRACKETS.
SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE FOR PARAS 15 AND 16 SUBMITTED BY CANADA
AND AUSTRALIA RESPECTIVELY WILL ALSO GO TO THE COMMITTEE
IN SQUARE BRACKETS.

6. THE DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION IS ACCORDING TO U.K. (EDIS)
PRETTY BAD BECASUE OF PROPOSALS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.
BELGIUMS TOLD MISOFF THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS THERE IS A
PROPOSAL THAT WEOS CEASE ALL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
SOUTH AFRICA.

7. IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR WHAT ACTION WEOS WILL TAKE IF
ZIONISM LANGUAGE IS KEPT IN DRAFTS AND SENT TO PLENARY.
PRESENTLY THEY HAVE THREE ALTERNATIVES:
(A) BEFORE PLENARY BEGINS ADVISE CHAIRMAN OF CONFERENCE
THAT THE WEST WILL NOT ATTEND;
(B) ATTEND THE PLENARY AND VOTE AGAINST THE DECLARATION
AND PROGRAM OF ACTION (NINE ARE FEARFUL ABOUT USING THIS
OPTION WHERE ISSUES OF SOUTH AFRICA ARE CONCERNED. IF
ARABS CALL FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON SA PARAS THERE WILL BE A
SPLIT IN THE NINE. IRELAND AND DENMARK, IT IS BELIEVED,
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WILL VOTE WITH ARABS) OR;
(C)ATTEND THE PLENARY AND NOT PARTICIPATE IN A CONSENSUS.

8. THE SITUATION IS FLUID AND EACH DEL HAS ITS OWN
PRISM TO VIEW THE HAPPENINGS. THIS VIEW IS FROM OWN
POINTS OF THE DEL'S NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS.
MISSION WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REFLECT WHAT IS TAKING
PLACE IN THIS FRANTIC SITUATION.

9. PLENARY IS SCHEDULED FOR 3:00 P.M. AUGUST 25. IT IS
EXPECTED THAT SESSION WILL ADJOURN EARLY MORNING AUGUST 26.
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